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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Application No. 10/697,289; Filed: October 31, 2003  
For: **Coupling of Signals Between Adjacent Functional Blocks in an Integrated Circuit Chip**  
Inventors: CATALASAN *et al.*  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$120.00 to cover one (1) month extension of time filing fee;
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
3. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and
4. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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